



*Love, live and learn with
Jesus Christ.*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

God who speaks

The pupils were shown this video in assembly today: [Cardinal to school pupils: Take your family to Church this Lent - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

Cardinal Vincent presents a challenge to us all to resume our Mass attendance after the events of the last two years. Why not use this Lenten season as the motivation you need to celebrate Mass as a family?

Ukraine appeal

Huge thanks to Mrs O'Malley and her band of volunteers for arranging the collection for the people of Ukraine. A reminder that the timings are as follows:

Saturday 9am - 3pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

Penny Drive - Ukraine

At the suggestion of Skye and Emily in Y4, the takings from this week's Penny Drive will be donated to a charity helping Ukrainian refugees. More examples of St Nicholas pupils demonstrating Gospel Virtues.

Wednesday Word - follow the link below to enjoy the Gospel as a family

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/lent?pid=MTA101634&v=53.11>

Gospel Virtues

Our focus Gospel Virtues for this half term are **INTENTIONAL** and **PROPHETIC**. At St Nicholas we are growing to be intentional in the way we live and prophetic in the example we set to others.

If any member of staff sees a pupil living out one of our Gospel Virtues, they will send the pupil to Mrs Noble-Barton or Mr Porter for a Gospel Virtues wristband! Children who receive wristbands will have their names in the following week's newsletter.

This week, the following children have received a wristband for demonstrating our new Gospel Virtues: Joseph (Y3), Gethin (Y3), Tilly (Y6), Robyn x 2 (Y1), Felix (Y3), Isla (Y1) & Emily (Y1).

KS2 'Passion Play'

As long as the COVID situation stays as it is, we are planning on resuming the KS2 Passion Play this year and putting on two performances for parents and family.

The dates of these performances are **Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th April at 9.15am**. Ticket details will be sent out closer to the time.

This performance takes a lot of work from pupils and staff and forms a key part of our Lenten observance as we attempt to dramatise the events around Jesus' passion and death. As in previous years, Year 6 will take the 'lead' roles with Years 3,4 & 5 have supporting roles and each individual year group having a song or performance piece of their own.

We look forward to you joining us for this celebration later on in the term.

What's your favourite children's book? Vote for it!

<https://forms.gle/LgbRcAj7eW1m8AvW6>

Remember to follow the link above to vote for your top 5 favourite children's books!

Term dates for academic year 2023-24

Please see the attached letter from Matthew Emery (CSEL of our Academy) regarding the Easter holiday dates for the above year. The SJP2 MAC will be deviating from the Birmingham LA dates so as to ensure that pupils are in school during Holy Week. We are publishing these dates early for your convenience.

Car Parking

Due to a current lack of human resourcing at the moment, it is not possible to put up the bollards at the car park entrance and exit each day to prevent parking in the Church car park and make the space safe for families at the start and end of the school day. This has been brought to your attention on many occasions in the past where we have asked parents to show care and consideration when parking to drop or collect your children each day, refraining from parking in the Church car park as it becomes congested and very unsafe.

Please park safely and with consideration for our neighbours, away from the Church car park. We are still investigating alternative measures to ensure the safety of our children as they enter and exit the site each day. As soon as we have more information, you will be informed of our plans. For now, please find somewhere else to park and walk onto the site, it is the only way to prevent a serious incident. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Year 6 SATs Meeting - virtual

A reminder that there will be an online meeting for all parents/carers of Y6 pupils on Monday 14th March at 6pm. The joining details are below. The purpose of this short meeting is to outline how we are preparing Year 6 pupils for the end of KS2 SATs tests, explain what parents can do at home to help and go through the practical arrangements for SATs week.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96204679237?pwd=Wm1wbEw3alRKck1uaFl1K0lKM2xUdz09>

Meeting ID: 962 0467 9237

Passcode: sZr2pV

Crossing Warden

Good news! Christine is returning to work on Monday 7th March and will be working in the afternoon slot as a phased return for the first week. We are so glad that Christine is feeling well enough to come back and we look forward to welcoming her.

SEN Parent webinars

Please see the attached fliers on upcoming SEN parent webinars. There are three webinars available in March focusing on gross motor skills, the Early Help offer and Transition for Autistic pupils.

Virtual SEN drop in

Mrs Hannon- Dalby holds a virtual SEN drop in every month. It is an opportunity to discuss any problems or concerns you may have with the SENDCo. Please contact the school office if you wish to make an appointment.

Phonics Home Links

Please click the link below for a recap of information on the 'Read Write Inc' phonics scheme we follow at St Nicholas.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JQ3j5okMiG0zbTjeah6YbQd6q5klckqu/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111633488629756352211&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Dates for your diary

14th March	Meeting for Y6 parents regarding SATs - 6pm
15th/16th March	Parents' Evenings in school hall
18th March	Virtual SEN drop in with SENDCo
5th/6th April	KS2 Passion Play

God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

Mrs Hannon-Dalby
Acting Vice Principal